

CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

1 1. A digital camera, comprising:
2 means for capturing at least one image of a scene;
3 means for displaying said at least one captured image;
4 means for cropping the displayed at least one captured image; and
5 means for storing an uncropped portion of the displayed at least one
6 captured image.

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1 2 The digital camera recited in claim 1, further comprising means for
2 deleting a cropped portion of displayed image.

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1 3. The digital camera recited in claim 1 wherein said capturing means
2 captures at least two images of the scene.

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1 4. The digital camera recited in claim 3, further comprising means for
2 merging the two captured images into the displayed image.

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1 5. The digital camera recited in claim 1 wherein said at least two images
2 of the scene are captured sequentially in time.

1 6. The digital camera recited in claim 4 wherein said at least two images
2 of the scene are captured simultaneously.

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1 7. The digital camera recited in claim 3 wherein said at least two images
2 have an overlapping image field.

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1 8. The digital camera recited in claim 3 wherein said at least two images
2 have substantially the same image field.

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1 9. A method of controlling the operation of a digital camera, comprising
2 the steps of:

3 receiving at least one captured image from a photosensor;

4 displaying the captured image;

5 receiving cropping instructions for the displayed image;

6 storing an uncropped portion of the displayed image.

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1 10. The method recited in claim 9 further comprising the step of deleting a
2 cropped portion of the displayed image.

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1 11. The method recited in claim 9 wherein said receiving step further
2 comprises receiving at least two captured images from the photosensor.

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1 12. The method recited in claim 11, further comprising the step of:
2 merging the two captured images into the displayed image.

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1 13. The method recited in claim 11 further comprising the step of
2 capturing said at least two images sequentially in time.

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1 14. The method recited in claim 11 further comprising the step of
2 capturing said at least two images simultaneously.

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1 15. The method recited in claim 14 wherein said at least two images have
2 an overlapping image field.

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1 16. The method recited in claim 12 wherein said two images have the same
2 image field.

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1 17. A computer readable medium for controlling the operation of a digital
2 camera, comprising:
3 logic that receives at least one captured image from a photosensor;
4 logic that displays the at least one captured image;
5 logic that receives cropping instructions for the displayed at least one
6 captured image;

7 logic that stores an uncropped portion of the displayed at least one
8 captured image; and

9 logic that deletes a cropped portion of the displayed image prior to
10 storing the uncropped portion of the displayed image.

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1 18. The computer readable medium recited in claim 17 wherein said
2 receiving logic comprises further logic that receives at least two captured images from
3 the photosensor.

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1 19. The computer readable medium recited in claim 17 further comprising
2 logic that merges the two captured images into the displayed image.

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1 20. The computer readable medium recited in claim 18 wherein said at
2 least two captured images are captured sequentially in time.

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1 21. The computer readable medium recited in claim 18 wherein said two
2 images are captured simultaneously.

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1 22. The computer readable medium recited in claim 21 wherein said two
2 images have an overlapping image field.

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1 23. The computer readable medium recited in claim 22 wherein said two
2 images have the same image field.

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